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Iraq in Prophecy
Isaiah 14:4-7, 22

INTRO: The Euphrates River, first mentioned in Genesis 2:14, flows through Iraq. The ancient city of Babylon, now being rebuilt by Saddam Hussein, on the Euphrates River is in Iraq. Ur of the Chaldees, the city of Abraham, is in Iraq. The ruins of the city of Nineveh, the city that Jonah was sent to evangelize, are in Iraq. During the days of the scattering of the Jerusalem church, the Gospel spread to Iraq and a church was established (I Peter 5:13). Oh, that the Gospel would once again have free course in Iraq!

The present leader of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, claims to be the reincarnation of King Nebuchadnezzar. In the baked clay of the bricks being used to rebuild Babylon on the Euphrates, the names Nebuchadnezzar and Saddam Hussein appear side by side.

There has been much talk in recent days about the US and her relationship to Israel.

One US Congressman has come under fire for saying that we would not be going to war were it not for our link to Israel. Friends, the history of Israel is Biblically linked to Iraq, and we need to stand with Israel. The Israelis know that Hussein will go to any extent to accomplish his goals. For this reason, the Israeli Air Force destroyed Iraq's nuclear power plant at Al Tuwaitha in 1981 in an attack called "Operation Babylon." Israeli pilot Ilon Ramon, killed in the Shuttle crash, flew in this raid.

I. IRAQ'S ATTACK ON KUWAIT WAS PROPHESED

A. The Bible speaks of an area that King Nebuchadnezzar would conquer (Jere 49:28).

1. In Jere. 49:31, the Bible identifies a place that would be conquered, hundreds of years after Jeremiah wrote the prophecy.
2. Saddam Hussein is the modern day Nebuchadnezzar who would conquer Kuwait.

B. Geographically and demographically, the Bible is pointing to Kuwait.

1. Note the mention of Kedar in Jere. 49:28.
 - a) Kedar is a wilderness area that spreads east of Palestine.
 - b) Kedar occupies part of the desert north of Saudi Arabia.
2. The Bible tells us where the area is that was looted and robbed in 1990.
 - a) It is east of Kedar.
 - b) The only nation east of Kedar that fits the Bible description is Kuwait (Jere. 49:31). Note it says "wealthy nation." Geographically, there are no resources to make a nation wealthy.
 - 1- No water
 - 2- No rich soil+ nothing but sand
 - 3- No large number of people
 - 4- The only thing they have is oil, and this of recent discovery

Biblically speaking.

3. On August 2, 1990, the Iraqi Army invaded Kuwait.
 1. Within hours, the troops from Iraq were looting the rich art collections found in Palaces+ oil money.
 2. They stole billions of dollars in gold from banks; they raped and pillaged (Jere. 49:28,31).

II SADDAM WILL ATTACK VICIOUSLY

1. There will be war. There will be an attack on Iraq.
2. Hussein, just like a scared animal, will come out kicking, hitting, and scratching.
 1. He will use everything; he has to fight with (Jere. 50:43-44).
 2. He "hath heard the report of them" (50:43).
 1. The UN wranglings. Also CNN, Fox News etc.
 2. The words of Tony Blair and George Bush.
 3. He will come out fighting like a lion.

III THE BATTLE IS AGAINST THE TRUE GOD AND EVIL (JERE 50:29).

1. The leader of Iraq is evil, and he is an enemy of God (Jere. 50:24).
2. Because of the evil of Iraq, evil will come upon it (Jere. 51:60-64).
3. Iraq has killed its own people, the Kurds.
 1. The Kurd's speak a language much like Persian, they are linked to Iran, ancient Persia.
 2. Isaiah 14:20-22 speaks of the evil killing of Iraqi's by their own government.

IV IRAQ WILL BE DEFEATED

2. Jeremiah 50:23, 25 says that the Lord is going to open His armory.
3. Jeremiah 50:14 speaks of the build up of troops and weapons of war.
 1. The vengeance of the Lord will come against Iraq (Jere. 51:11-12).
 2. The "great voice" of Babylon will be destroyed. The "great voice" is the leader of the dragon people (Jere. 51:54-56).
 1. "Destruction from the land of the Chaldeans" speaks of the southern part of Iraq where our troops will come from.
 2. Jeremiah 50:35-36 speaks of the leaders being unseated.
 3. Isa 13:9+ destroyed as Sodom.

V BURNING AND FIRE SPOKEN OF

1. In 1991, the Iraqi's burned the oil fields of Kuwait.
2. There will be a burning in Iraq (Jere. 51:30).
3. Note World Magazine article March 1, 2003 page eight.

VI A WARNING TO GET OUT

1. Folks are being told to get out of Iraq.
2. "Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul..." says the Lord (Jere. 51:6).

CONCLUSION: Iraq will be defeated according to God's Word (Isa 51:60).

